

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22 (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for managing credit of an account in a multi-service telecommunications system that comprises a credit management system and service capability servers providing services in exchange for units, the method comprising:

reserving a predetermined amount of units for the account before provisioning of a service, ~~wherein~~ and if a service capability server reservation of credits for a next service request to be provided cannot be granted due to an insufficient amount of reserved units for the account;

instead of denying the reservation, the credit management system sending a message for forced booking of consumed units to all service capability servers connected with the account; and

the credit management system releasing any remaining reservations of units to ensure a total balance in the account is up to date at the moment the forced booking takes place.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein said step of forced booking is carried out if said amount of reserved units drops below a predetermined threshold.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24, wherein the step of said forced booking is service dependent.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein in connection with said forced booking a request for accreditation of said reserved units carried out for said services.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein accreditation of said reserved units is subject to a plurality of accreditation rules.

28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, in which at least one of said accreditation rules is dependent on actual use of said reserved units per unit of time per service.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, in which at least one of said accreditation rules is dependent on a classification of said services.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein said classification is a prioritization.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, in which at least one of said accreditation rules is dependent on the amount of reserved units requested.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, in which at least one of said accreditation rules is dependent on the life-span of said requested reserved units.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein said reserved and consumed units are monetary units.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein said reserved and consumed units are units of time.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein said reserved and consumed units are units of volume.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein said volume is a data volume.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein said reserved units relate to the amount of used bandwidth.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein said account can be accessed by at least one user.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein at least one of the provided services relates to a group comprising voice, data and internet communications.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein said telecommunications system is accessible via a group comprising wireless and fixed connections to a telecommunications network.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein management or provisioning of said services is carried out by a plurality of service provisioning systems which are in communicative connection with said credit management system.

42. – 44. (Canceled)